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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director
Chairman, National Intelligence Council
Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Legislation Division
Office of Congressional Affairs

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SUBJECT: Trade and National Security

1. Attached are copies of several bills which have been introduced in the Senate and which impact on international trade and national security. Because trade legislation is on a fast track in this session of Congress, we wish to bring these bills to your attention.

2. S. 489 requires the head of an agency to perform trade impact statements before taking any major action that may affect international trade. It also establishes a National Trade Data Committee, of which the Director of Central Intelligence would be a member, which coordinates the gathering and dissemination of information relevant to international trade. The Committee must provide an annual report to Congress describing its actions and recommending other actions it deems necessary.

3. S. 470, the National Security and Trade Act of 1987, amends the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 to tighten the requirement for prompt review by the President of a finding by the Secretary of Commerce that an article is being imported into the United States in such quantities or under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security.

4. S. 529 also amends the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. It provides for the preparation of a defense needs assessment with respect to imported articles. This assessment becomes part of the report which is described in paragraph 3 above and submitted to the President. It may be classified only if its public disclosure would clearly be detrimental to national security. Any portions of the report which are not classified and which do not constitute proprietary information will be published in the Federal Register.

5. Should you have any comments or questions with regard to these bills, please contact me at your earliest convenience on [redacted]

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